GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ENFORCEMENT OF NON SMOKING LAW IN RAILWAY COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have enforced the non-smoking law in the Railway coaches;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of passengers caught while smoking in the Railway coaches particularly in NCR region of Delhi Division and Mumbai;

(d) the details of revenue that has been earned by imposing fine for smoking from these regions; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to stop smoking in the trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Smoking in trains and railway premises has been made a punishable offence under the provisions of Railways Act, 1989 and The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Product (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production,Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003.

(c) & (d): Passengers caught smoking in the railway coaches and premises are charged as per relevant provisions of the law. However, no separate statistics are maintained in this regard.

(e):Regular drives are conducted to check smoking in the trains by the staff from the Commercial, Operating and Security departments who have been empowered to take action against the offenders as per law. In addition, public are educated through various media, not to smoke in railway premises including railway coaches and by displaying notices at prominent places both at the stations and inside the coaches.